

Prices for Paper Products and Steel Cans Improve Significantly from 2003



Recycled Commodity Market Prices

Average Recycled Commodity prices in US dollars for loose materials, unless indicated.
New York Market*

December 12, 2003 and December 10, 2004.

| | December 12, 2003 | December 10, 2004 |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Paper (\$/ton) | | |
| **Newsprint #6 | 10 | 35 |
| Magazines | 0 | 8 |
| Corrugated cardboard containers | 22 | 38 |
| *Sorted office paper | 25 | 50 |
| *Sorted white ledger | 80 | 115 |
| ***Computer printout | 55 | 55 |
| Metals (\$/ton) | | |
| Aluminum cans | 660 | 720 |
| Steel cans | 32 | 62 |
| White goods | 28 | 62 |
| Glass (\$/ton) | | |
| Flint (clear) | 22 | 26 |
| Amber (brown) | 9 | 11 |
| Plastics (\$/ton) | | |
| PET#1 | 300 | 360 |
| Natural HDPE#2 | 440 | 520 |
| Colored HDPE#2 | 340 | 460 |
| ***Combination HDPE | 80 | 80 |

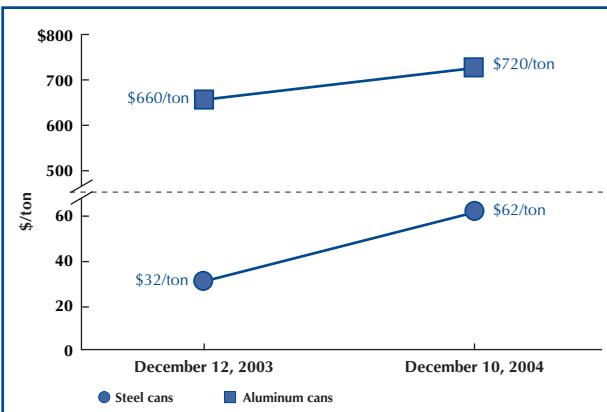
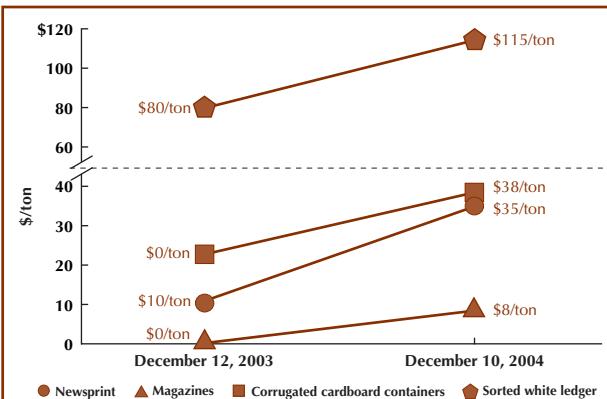
*New York prices were selected because they represent a large Mid-Atlantic market

**Items indicated baled & picked up

***as of 2/08/02

New York Recovered Paper & Metal Prices

Baled Material Picked Up at Seller's Dock



For the fourth quarter of 2004, the value of various paper products and white goods has dramatically increased as compared to the same period in 2003. Office paper values increased 100% from December 2003. Sorted white ledger paper rose from \$80/ton to \$115/ton, an increase of 44%, while corrugated cardboard prices increased 73% to \$38/ton. Newsprint prices increased 250% from \$10 to \$35 per ton baled. Magazine prices rose to \$8/ton, for an 800% gain.

Steel can prices reached \$62/ton for a net gain of 121% this quarter over the final quarter of 2003. Market prices for aluminum cans and clear glass bottles and jars improved by 12% and 5%, respectively. In the plastics market, prices increased from \$300/ton to \$360/ton for PET#1 plastic (16%), and the value of natural HDPE#2 plastic jumped to \$520/ton, a gain of 18%.

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Pack, Ship, Reuse, and RECYCLE!

Businesses receive and send hundreds of packages daily. By reusing these mailing materials, business can cut costs and conserve resources. Here are a few suggestions on how your business can save by recycling and reuse:



- Cardboard boxes received from your vendors can be used to ship out your packages or store supplies. Be sure to recycle unusable cardboard.
- Reuse styrofoam peanuts and other bubble-type packaging materials in outgoing shipments.
- Paper retrieved from the company shredder makes excellent packing material that can be recycled or reused by the recipient.
- Reuse padded shipping envelopes as much as possible. Turn them over and you have a new one.
- Buy and use recycled shipping materials made with recycled content.
- On products developed by your firm, try to minimize packaging or at least be sure these materials can be recycled.

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